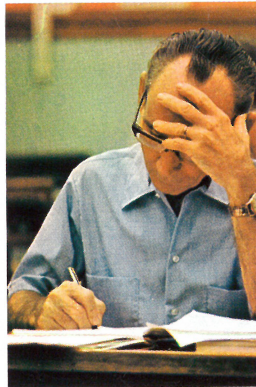


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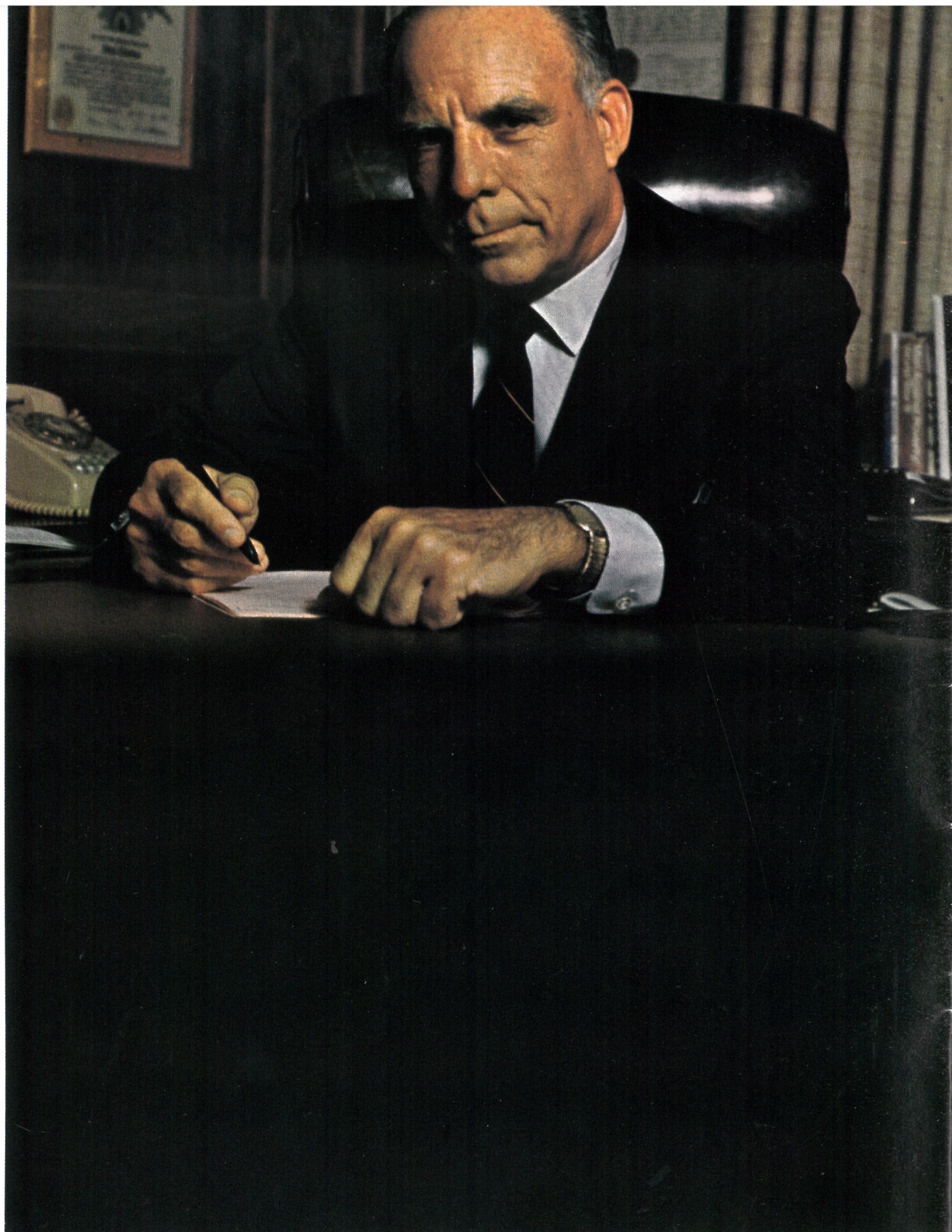
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This book might change your life.

Because we're going to tell you about a lot of different fields of work. And about how you can become an expert in one of them.

And because anybody who has a skill or a craft, anybody who's an expert, carries his job around with him. In his hands. And in his head.

Which means a lot more than the demand there will be for your skills. And a lot more than the money you'll be making.

It means freedom.

And that's what it's all about.

Industrial Education

Things are changing.

Today, in America, a lot of truck drivers make more money than a lot of lawyers. And a qualified aircraft mechanic can walk into a job just about wherever and whenever he wants it.

And those are facts.

But you can't just pick up a wrench and call yourself a mechanic. Not anymore.

Because while people with industrial skills are paid more than ever before, and while they're more in demand than ever before, they're also more highly trained than ever before.

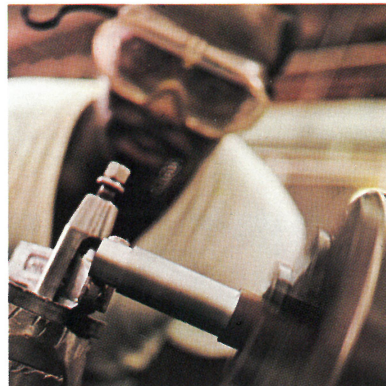
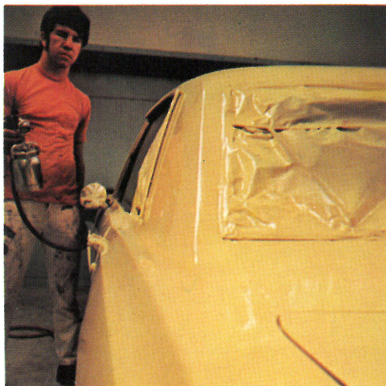
And the training is tough. But, it's not out of reach. The average guy can handle it. But nobody slides through.

And because the training is tough, when you're finished, you're good. Really good. And really independent. And really worth a lot to a lot of people. Including yourself.

Industrial education courses are offered all over Florida. In high schools, vocational-technical centers and junior colleges. Courses like aircraft mechanics. And cosmetology. And drafting. And cooking and baking. And truck driving. And about a hundred more.

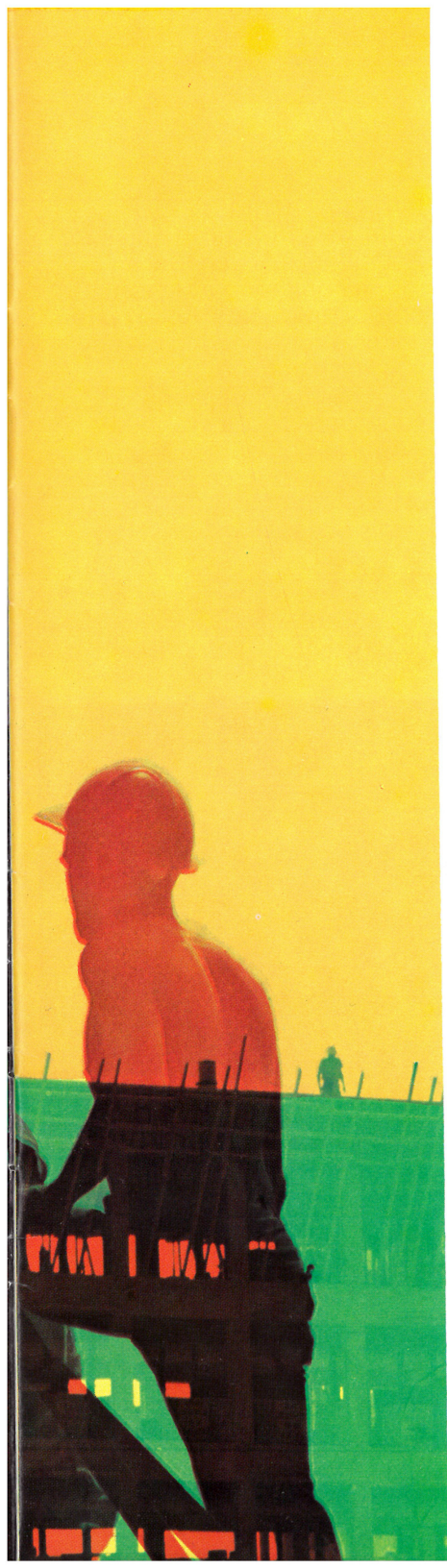
Courses that start anywhere from ninth grade on up. And that last anywhere from six weeks to two years.

With instructors who are experts from the occupations themselves. Who know the problems and tricks of the trade on the job. In the real world. And who can teach you what you'll need to know when you get there.



If industrial education sounds a little more complex than you thought it was, that's probably because it is.

As we said before, the average guy can handle it. But, as we said before, nobody slides through.



Technical and Health Education

You want to get into something really important? How does saving the environment sound?

Or maybe saving some lives. That's what these two pages are about. Technical education. And health occupations education. Some very important stuff.

If you go into one of the areas of technical education, you come out as a technician. Which is a simple way of saying that you are a specially qualified expert in a particular technical field. Part of a team of scientists, engineers, mathematicians and

so forth.

And your job will be just as important as it sounds.

But don't let it scare you. You don't have to be a genius to handle the job. Or the training. Just an average person who's looking for something more than just an average life.

Some of the fields open to you didn't even exist ten years ago. Radiological technology, urban planning technology, environmental pollution control. Things like that.

Some other fields are changing so fast your boss will be asking you questions. Architec-



ture. Oceanography. Law enforcement. Instrumentation. And about a dozen more.

Technical courses last from one to three years. And you're ready to start working the day you finish training.

Health occupations education is not just another way of saying nurses' training. We do train nurses. As a matter of fact it's probably the largest single occupation within this field. But it's not the only one. Not by a long shot.

Because there's also a crying need all over this country, in fact all over this world, for surgical

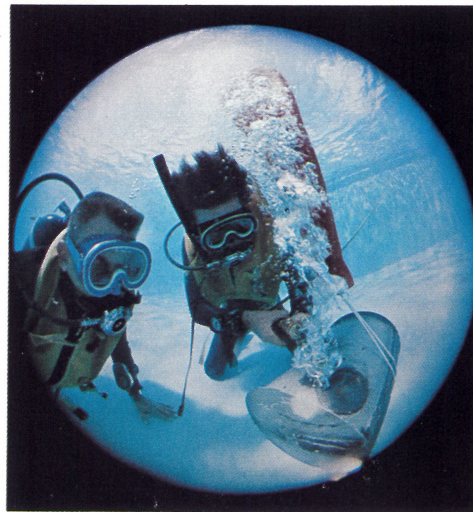
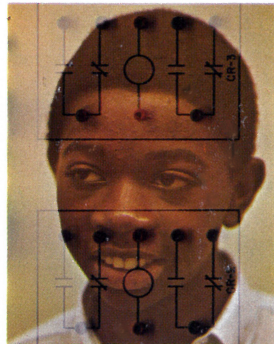


technicians. And X-ray technicians. And dental hygienists. And medical assistants. And a few other things.

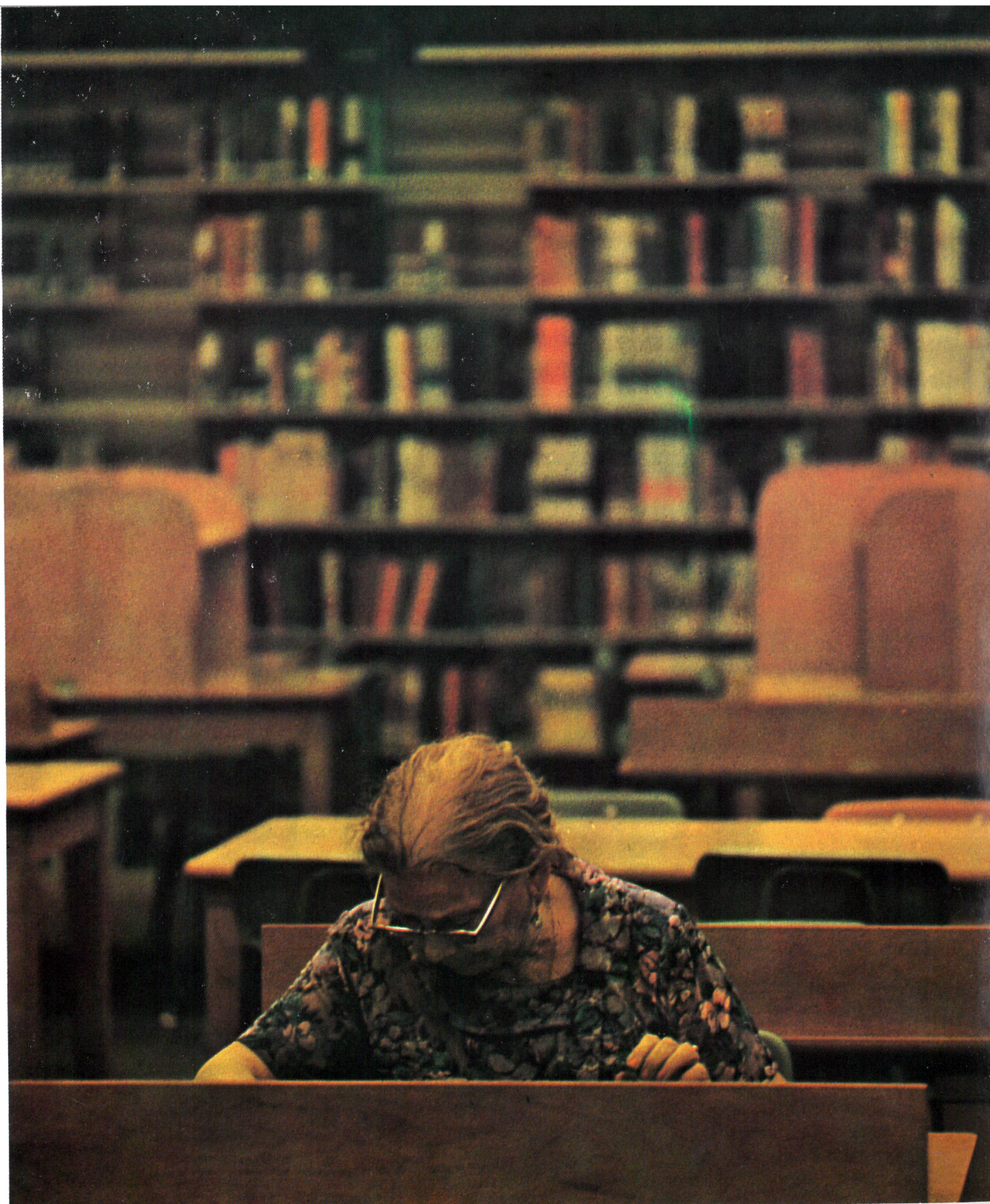
Which means if you've got one of these skills, there's a crying need for you. And we can teach you one of these skills.

It will take some effort on your part. Some work and some time. But, then, anything worthwhile usually does.

There may be some technicians around, and there may be some people in the health occupations who look at their job as just another job. But we haven't met any.



Adult General Education



**All these people
have one thing in common.
A better tomorrow.**

Adult general education is
a long name for a simple idea.
Helping people help themselves.

All kinds of people.

Maybe you're a veteran.

Just out of the service.

And you want to get your high
school diploma as fast as you
can and get on with your life.

Well, that's great. Because
you can do it. Now. Maybe in just
a few months. Maybe in just a few
weeks. And maybe a lot of the
stuff you learned in the service
will be worth a lot of credit
right now.

A lot of other guys in your
shoes got their diplomas last
year in Florida. And that's a lot
of better tomorrows.

And one more better
tomorrow can make a lot of
difference. If it's yours.

Maybe you're a girl.

And you dropped out of school.

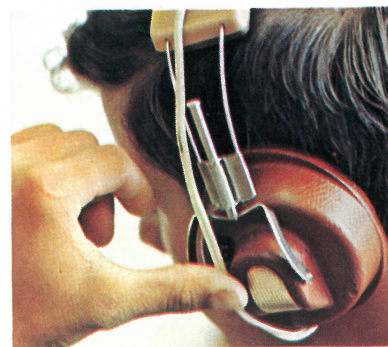
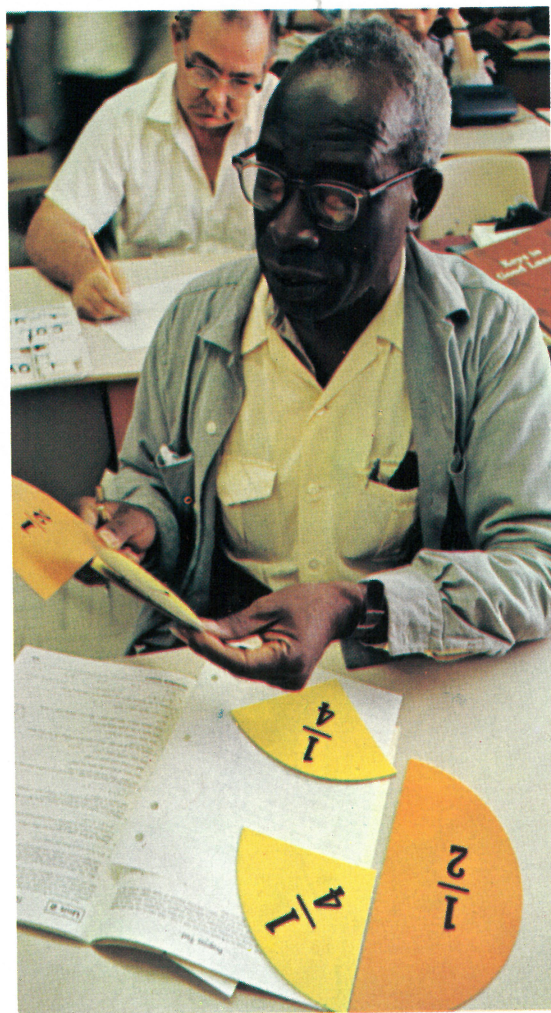
And you're stuck in a job
you hate. And maybe you'd like
to brush up on a little reading.
Or arithmetic. Or you'd just
like to find out what else there is
around. You'd just like to get
going again.

Okay. That's what we're
here for.

Maybe you're lucky enough
to have retired from working.
But you're not ready to retire
from learning. And thinking.
We have a lot of courses
you can take.

In a lot of very interesting,
very useful things.

The whole point is this.
No matter what your situation
is—whether you dropped out
of school, or you're not happy
with your work, or maybe you
can't even find a job—it's never
too late.



Cooperative Education

**To everybody who might
drop out of high school.
Keep reading.**

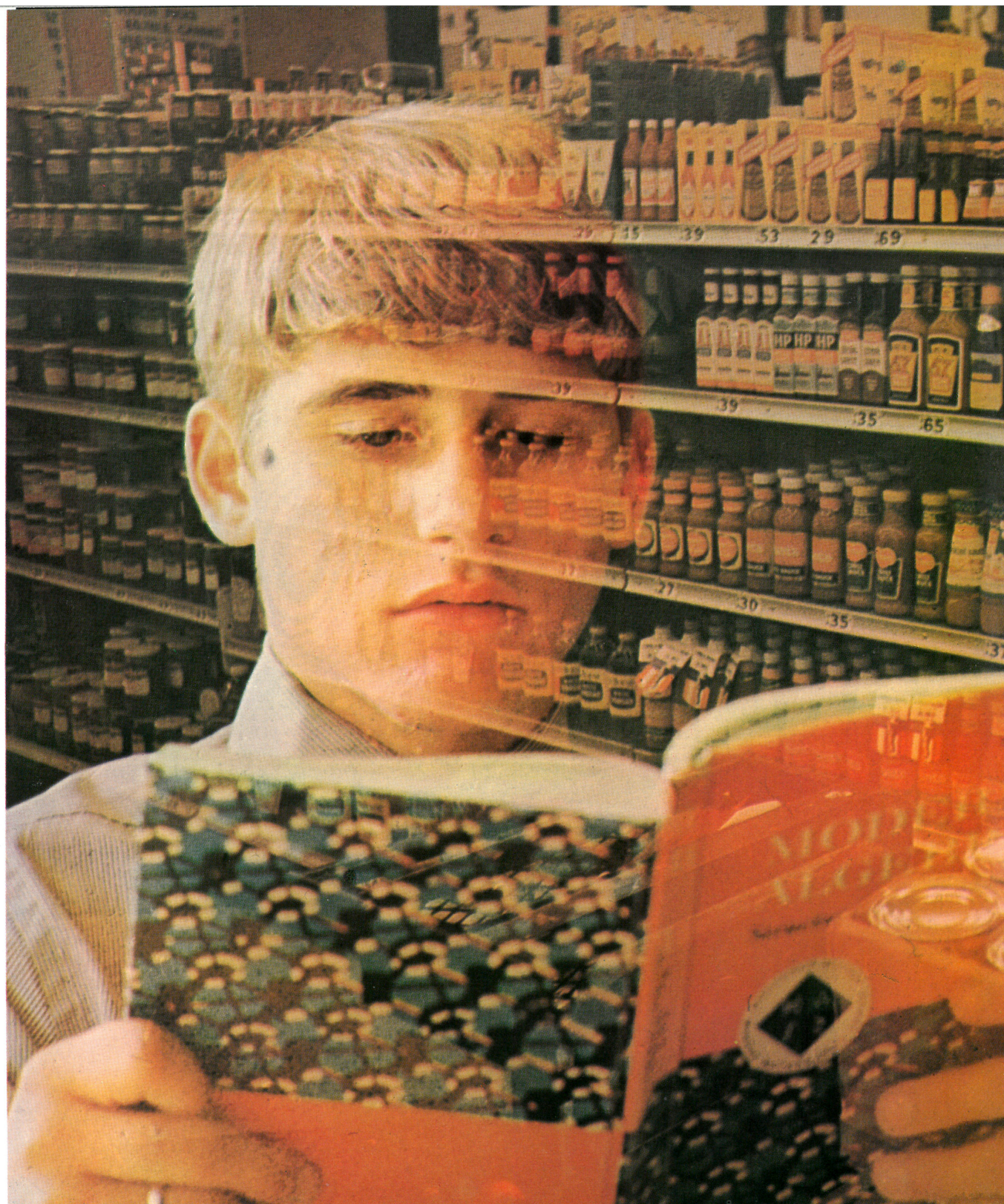
This isn't going to be a lecture or any kind of a speech about how important it is to stay in school or anything. It's just another way to do it. A way that you might not know about, and that you might be interested in. Okay?

It's called cooperative education. Which is our way of saying this: You can go to school half-days. And you can work half-days. And you get paid for working. And you get credit for both. And it's as simple as that.

You won't be taking courses that you're not interested in, because your program at school will be related to the job you're working in. Or to the job you want to get into after you graduate.

And again, you'll get credit for the time you spend on the job. So you'll graduate with the rest of your class.

Except while the rest of your class is just going out into the real world, you've already been there. Half a day. Every day. Five days a week.





There are about as many jobs and fields open under this program as you can imagine. Everything from retail sales to electronics. And no matter which field you pick, you'll have a big head start when you graduate.

And one more thing. If you want to go to college, or to a technical school or something like that after graduation, terrific. Because the money you made and the maturity you gained in this program can't do anything but help.

As we said before, we don't want to lecture you or anything. But if you're thinking about dropping out, do yourself a favor and think about what you've just been reading first.

It could make a big difference to your life. It really could.



Agricultural Education



A lot of people still think of agriculture as only farming. Period.
A lot of people are wrong. Period.

The agricultural education programs in Florida can train you to be one crackerjack farmer. And that's great. But that's just part of the story.

Because these programs can also get you into about a hundred other occupations.

Like golf course design. And animal sciences. And landscaping. And agriculture machinery sales. And forestry service. And a lot more.

The thing is, agriculture produces about 1.4 billion dollars worth of income every year in Florida. And that takes a lot of people.

You can start some courses in agricultural education as early as ninth grade in some junior high schools. And you can take them all the way through post-graduate studies in some colleges.

All of which simply means that, in agriculture education, you write your own ticket. It can be as simple or as hard as you want it. It can be as short or as long as you want it.

And the important thing is, it can lead to the kind of a job that you can be happy doing. And that's why you're reading this whole thing in the first place.

You're a lot different than the way your parents were. You probably have a lot of different goals. You probably have a lot of different ideas.

Well, agriculture is a lot different now, too. Don't sell it short. If you're interested now, check into it now.

You can't lose anything. And you might find something very important. Like your future.



Vocational Home Economics Education

One good thing about being a home economics specialist. You win two ways.

You become a trained and qualified home economics specialist. In food and nutrition, or child care, or home furnishing. And you hold a job in that field for a while. That's beautiful.

But then you decide to get married. And settle down with a family. And that's when you find out that you'll be using your skills for the rest of your life. And that's the real beauty of it.

There are a lot of training programs for you if you're ready. And a lot of jobs ready for you when you finish. You might get into food service. In a hospital or a school or a country club.

You might get into children's recreation. Camps and child care centers need people all the time.

You might take a shot at fashion coordination or interior decoration. If you've got the interest, and the talent, we've got the training. And the jobs. (And in areas like these the jobs are for both men and women. And so is the training.)

It all boils down to this. The stuff we've been talking about here, home economics education, is going to make you a terrific homemaker when that time comes. And it's going to get you a pretty great job in the meantime.

And two for the price of one is always a bargain.





Business and Distributive Education



If you can see a career in business, but you can't see four years in college, you're on the right page.

Business and distributive education means exactly that. Courses that prepare you for jobs in business and distribution. Now.

Courses in secretarial skills. In data processing. In banking, personnel, tourism, and hospitality.

And if you think the business world is boring and unexciting and impersonal, think about this. In a lot of ways, the future of American business is the future

of America. And that's a simple fact.

Besides, there's nothing very boring about creating advertising that communicates to millions of people. Or assisting a president of an international company. Or owning your own business.

We're not trying to paint too rosy a picture. That's just the way modern business is.

Very exciting. Very high paying. And very tough to get into unless you're trained. Which is where we come in.

Business and distributive courses are offered all over Florida.

Courses that can prepare you right now for a job as a fashion buyer. Or a bank teller.

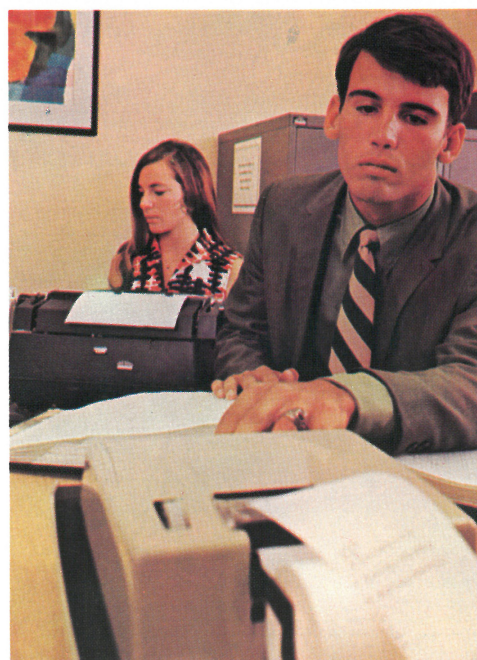
Or a purchasing agent. Or a salesman. Or a TV announcer.

Courses that can prepare you for a career in tourism. The biggest industry in the state.

Courses that can prepare you for about a hundred other jobs. Jobs that are around right now. Jobs where you make a difference.

American business is a lot more than typing letters and coffee breaks these days. And it's not going anywhere but up.

And going up can be a pretty exciting ride.



Clubs and Organizations

Some of the most important parts of your education will never be taught in a classroom.

It's impossible to get a good education if you don't go to school. And it's just as impossible to get a good education if you just go to school. Because there is a big world out there full of things you'll never learn about in the classroom. And that's the main reason for the organizations on this page.

Their programs are all quite different and their members have different ideas and goals.

But all of these groups have one thing in common. The main purpose of all of them is to bridge the gap between going to school and going out on your own.

There is an organization for everyone in vocational education. With a fantastic variety of activities that might range from a dance to a tour of a missile complex, from a hayride to a marketing project for an international company.

Check the list below. Then check into the club or clubs that might interest you.

It's worth a look.

FHA Future Homemakers of America— For students in home economics education.

FFA Future Farmers of America— Open to all students in agricultural education at all levels.

FBLA Future Business Leaders of America— For high school students enrolled in business and office education programs.

DECA Distributive Education Clubs of America— For high school students interested in careers in distribution.


FAME Florida Association of Managerial Education— The junior collegiate division of DECA.

VICA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America— For high school level students preparing for industrial and technical careers.

CECF Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida— For students in diversified cooperative training, cooperative business education, and cooperative distributive education.

JETS Junior Engineering Technical Society— For high school and junior college students enrolled in technical education.

Phi Beta Lambda For students in post-secondary institutions enrolled in business programs.

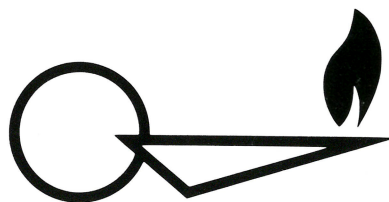


If you're interested
in any of the jobs or ideas
we've been talking about,
go see your counselor
and get the whole story.

A lot of things
are happening in this world.
A lot of things
you can get into.

And this isn't a sunset
you're looking at.

It's a new dawn.
It's your tomorrow.



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